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North Sydney Fire Hall

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BASEBALL REGISTRATION - Saturday, April 8th and April 15th, 1:00 - 4:00 pm for the North Sydney Minor Baseball League - first 3 Saturdays in April, same times.

LUCKY SEAT JACKPOT was won by Cathy Robinson.

INDOOR YARD SALE - Air Cadets - Saturday, April 15th - 9:00 - 12:00 - donation at the door.

GOOD FRIDAY - Fish & Chips, April 14, Cost \$10.00 per person.

APR. 28th - DANCE -

The Ashbys, dancing from 10:00 - 2:00



A Night At The Nunnery

The Boularderie Mammo Warriors are planning the best "Night At The Nunnery" ever. Tickets go on sale April 4th and the event will be held April 22nd.



SATURDAY DANCE

The Sydney Mines & Pensioners Club will host a **SATURDAY DANCE** at 8:00 pm in their Clurooms 6 Fraser Ave., Sydney Mines. The cost of the Dance is just \$3.00.

Music will be provided by R & B Country (Ray Petrie & Bud Harold), the same band that played this Summer at Indian Beach to rave results.

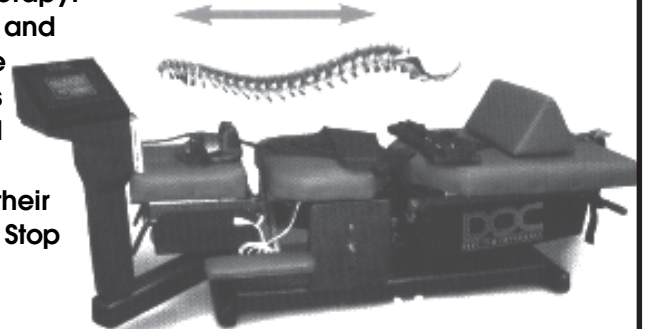
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Please come out and support Stephen and his family in their efforts to purchase Stephen a wheelchair accessible van.

There are lots of great prizes and fun to be had.

St. Matthew-Wesley United Church Presents "Godsent Reunion Concert"

Sunday, April 23rd, at 7p.m.

2 Peppett Street, North Sydney

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Refreshments to follow the Concert

25th Cancer Memorial Dart Shoot - April 15th

Will be held at the Millville Community Centre on April 15th - starts at 10 am

For more information call Joey Bonar (902) 565-3382.

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Sydney Mines Seniors & Pensioners Club News

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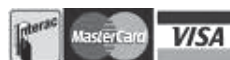


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C.B.R.M. COMMUNITY NEWS

UPCOMING SENIORS EVENTS

Listed below are some of the upcoming events scheduled for the Sydney Mines Seniors & Pensioners Club, Sydney Mines

APRIL 29, 2017
MERCHANDISE BINGO
 2 - 4 PM
\$2 ENTRY CARD



MAY 14TH 2017
MOTHERS DAY BASKET
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\$8.00 PER TICKET

JUNE 2ND, 2017
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 Adults **\$8.00** - Children **\$4.00**
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BIRTHDAY WISHES

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, April 14th to Bill McGee. Hope your day is as wonderful as you are. Lots of Love from your family and friends.

OPEN HALL MARKET
 There will be an Open Hall Market taking place at the Bras d'Or Fire Hall on Sunday, April 23rd from 12:00 - 3:00 pm.



It is open to all vendors and tables are \$10.00. Contact Michael MacDonald 674-0908 to book your table.

EASTER BAKE SALE WITH FLOWERS
 An Easter Bake Sale with Flowers will take place Saturday, April 15th - 9 am, lots of parking at the Fitzgerald's Restaurant.

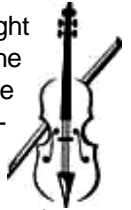
The event is sponsored by Boularderie Mammo Warriors and the proceeds will go to the Cape Breton Cancer Patient Fund.
 Eggs Benedict and a Mimosa at Fitzgerald's.

MACS Monday Afternoon Crafts]
 We are a social group that meets every Monday afternoon at the Ross Ferry Fire Hall.
 Bring your project (knitting, crochet etc.), all are welcome.
 We meet from 1:00 - 3:00 pm.
 Please contact Terri for more information - 674-0148 or Terri@seasidehighspeed.com

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<http://sotmnews.weebly.com>

For the latest and most comprehensive list of local events, logon to - www.musiccapebreton.com
 Mike Little updates his listings each week.

Traditional Music Night - every Thursday at the Blue Mist Beverage Room in Bras d'Or - The very best of Cape Breton fiddling. Stop by for great Cape Breton fiddling



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NORTHSIDE & AREA COMMUNITY NEWS ITEMS

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SPRING MARKET

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church is one busy church these days. If you happen to drive by, the first thing you will see is the construction going on with the new roof. The men of Vision Construction are busy putting on a new metal roof which will take a few more months to complete. Not only is there activity going on outside, there is a lot of activity going on inside the building that you don't see.

The Stewardship Committee is busy once again planning a SPRING MARKET. What is a Spring Market exactly? Stewardship Committee chair person Rita Johnston explains "It's where local small businesses, crafters and vendors come together in a mini market setting to sell their products". "We have Lipsense, 5th Avenue Jewelry, local Painters, knitters, Arbonne Hair Products and much much more". Johnston went on to say "Even the ladies of St. Andrew's are busy baking all kinds of goodies for our Bake Table, which is always a great addition to any event". The Spring Market will take place at the John J. Nugent Fire Hall on Elliott Street in Sydney Mines on Saturday, April 29th from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m and admission is only \$2. With your admission fee you will receive a ballot for a door prize draw of a basket of goodies consisting of products from each of the vendors.

So if you are looking for a special gift for this upcoming Mother's Day or just a special gift for yourself or a loved one, this is the place to shop. The prices are reasonable and the items are probably one of a kind if they are crafted by these talented people. So Save The Date: Saturday, April 29th at 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Sydney Mines Fire Hall. You won't be disappointed. This is only one of many events planned for the upcoming summer, so keep an eye out for exciting concerts and many more activities in the near future.

NORTHSIDE COMMUNITY NEWS

Bingo Game Changes FOR EASTER ONLY

NOTE DATE CHANGE - Because of Easter, the Regular SUNDAY afternoon Bingo is changed to MONDAY - THIS WEEK ONLY. There will be an Afternoon BINGO Game at the Sydney Mines Seniors & Pensioners Club, 6 Fraser Avenue, Sydney Mines. **WHEN: MONDAY AFTERNOON**

TIME: 2:00 pm
COST: \$2.00 entry card
DAUBERS ONLY - MONEY GAMES
Come out and spend a wonderful Sunday afternoon and maybe win some prizes. Hope to see you all there.

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Sydney Mines Seniors & Pensioners Club News

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EXERCISE PROGRAM AT SENIORS CLUB

The popular Monday Exercise Program is back at the Sydney Mines Seniors & Pensioners Club beginning at 1:00 pm.

All welcome, you do not have to be a member to participate, admission is free.



BRANCH 19 LEGION NHL HOCKEY POOL SATURDAY NIGHT

Branch 19 Legion in North Sydney are selling NHL Hockey Pools on the Saturday Night Games.

Tickets are just \$2.00 and the Jackpot is \$60.00. All non winners go into Extra Draw at the end of the season.

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Marine Park Cleanup

Please keep this date in mind for the annual Ross Ferry Marine Park Cleanup - **MAY 13th - 10:00 am**
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SYDNEY MINES LIBRARY NEWS

Pre-School Program is filled and Craft Day is filled although there is a waiting list available for all these programs and Pre-registration is required.

Babies & Books, ages infant to 17months, will be starting April 6th - We are looking for more participants, see Barb for registration.10:30- 11:30

LEGO registration, every 2nd Tuesday, is ongoing and the times is 3:30 - 4:30 pm. We have openings for interested participants, please check at the desk for details.

KNITTING CIRCLE - Support is shown for additional sessions Next session is scheduled for April 18th - 2:30 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

The Library will be closed on Good Friday and also Easter Monday. We would like to wish all our patrons a very Happy Easter.

SYDNEY MINES LITTLE LEAGUE 50/50 WINNER

The winner of last week's 50/50 Draw was Kelle Gouthro and the amount was \$3,440. Thank you for your support.

APRIL IS AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH



Spaghetti & Meatball Dinner

The Bras d'Or Seniors & Pensioners Club will be sponsoring a Spaghetti & Meatball Dinner, Wednesday, April 26th.

TAKE OUT - 11:00 - 1:00 pm
EAT IN - 4:00 - 6:00 pm

For tickets phone Brenda 902-736-3488 or Kay 902-577-5016.

The Club is located on Main Street, Bras d'Or.



NORTH SYDNEY LIBRARY NEWS

SATURDAY - Storytime at 2:30 pm - all children welcome.

MARCH (ongoing) - 6:00 - 8:00- GRIEF SUPPORT PROGRAM - Bereaved families of Cape Breton will offer a 6 week Grief Support Program for people who are grieving as the result of death of someone they love.

It will be held at the William Oram Centennial Library, Commercial Street, North Sydney -

The Program is Free but Registration is required.

K-LEE RADIO - will be at the Library on Tuesday, April 25th - 1:00 - 4:00 broadcasting music, stories and Library information. Please join us for fun and Giveaways.

CHILDREN'S PRE-SCHOOL, BABIES & BOOKS and TODDLER TIME are all starting in April, Call for Registration.

APRIL 12th - Writers Group meets 7 - 9, everyone welcome to attend.

APRIL 19th - Chronic Pain Group meets from 2;00 - 4:00, everyone welcome to attend.

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Well, **FINALLY** Spring is beginning to show itself and with that we need to think of Spring and Summer Maintenance and we want to make you aware of a new advertiser this week on page 4, **A & A Odd Jobs** - they do lawn maintenance, Garbage removal, Light carpentry and clean out basements, attics and barns, they're just in time for that much needed **Spring cleanup** ... and speaking of cleanup, the **CBRM** will have a heavy garbage pickup beginning at 6 am on **May 1st** so have all your heavy garbage ready to pick up....we want to wish all our readers a Happy Easter and we hope you enjoy you holiday and Easter meal, I can't wait to stuff myself with turkey and pie... Thanks to the staff at **Bianchini's Pizza** for hosting our recent K-LEE RADIO REMOTE, it was a lot of fun and we have **remotes coming up** April 24th at the North Sydney Library and May 10th at the **Clansman Motel**, both times from **1:00 - 4:00 pm** - please join us for these two events, along with music and stories, we'll have trivia Contests and product giveaways..... Remember that the local libraries will be **closed** on Good Friday and Easter Monday as the staff enjoy a well deserved break before the active Summer Programming begins.... Check out the **Good Friday Fish Dinners**, always a favorite at this time of year, the **Branch 008 Legion** hosts their Fish Dinner along with the **North Sydney Fire Hall** on Good Friday as well ... this is the **11th year** of the Good Friday re-enactment of the life and resurrection of Jesus Christ... this presentation of "**The Prophet**" will take place on Good Friday, April 14th, at 8 P.M. in St. Joseph Church, 162 Church Road, Little Bras d'Or, Doors open at 7:00 P.M.... the **25th Cancer Memorial Dart Shoot** will be held at the Millville Community Centre on April 15th - starts at 10 am, for more information call Joey Bonar at (902) 565-3382..... If you're like me, you love a good **Spaghetti & Meatball supper** and the Bras d'Or Seniors & Pensioners Club will be sponsoring one, Wednesday, **April 26th**. TAKE OUT - 11:00 - 1:00 pm - EAT IN - 4:00 - 6:00 pm - For tickets phone Brenda 902-736-3488 or Kay 902-577-5016..... **FREE PUBLICITY** - If your club or organization is looking to promote an upcoming event, simply email us and we'll put in in our paper an on our community radio station - email us - thisweek@kleeradio.com - HAPPY EASTER!!!



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Note that individual ride or trip passes are not eligible for this credit as they do not provide for unlimited travel.

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The Return of "The Prophet"

Each year people from all over the island look forward to a Biblical enactment that reflects the life, death and Resurrection of Christ. Father Peter McLeod of St. Joseph Parish in Bras d'Or is the director of the initiative and is excited to be putting the finishing touches on the annual Good Friday presentation.

This year marks the 11th annual production of "The Prophet" and Father McLeod said he is always pleased with the support he receives from the people involved in the dramatization. "Our actors come from a variety of religious backgrounds and each year we see new faces as well as familiar ones all willing to give their time to take part in this wonderful experience." Father McLeod said their interest in playing different roles each year and willingness to give of their time to attend the many practices that are required, is indicative of their commitment to the project.

The various scenes are introduced by a narrator and as each scene unfolds, it is accompanied by an appropriate musical selection which aids in the interpretation of what is happening at various points throughout the presentation. Father McLeod noted the importance of the contribution of those providing the musical backdrop. "Fred Lavery has returned once again as musical director and we are fortunate to have with us a number of very talented musicians and singers who clearly add to the program."

Each year new scenes are included and the musical choices are varied to ensure that there is always something new and fresh. Father McLeod said that people who return every year are surprised that even though the story is unchanging, the way it is depicted is different and worth seeing again. "We understand that many of the people who come out for the dramatization are those who have attended in the past so it is important to change things up a little. We want people to have the opportunity to fully understand and appreciate the importance of the depiction and how it relates to the life death and Resurrection of Christ.

This presentation of "The Prophet" will take place on Good Friday, April 14th, at 8 P.M. in St. Joseph Church, 162 Church Road, Little Bras d'Or. Doors open at 7:00 P.M. Parking attendants will be available to assist with parking and traffic flow. There is no admission charge, but free-will offerings will be greatly appreciated to help defray production costs.

NORTHSIDE COMMUNITY NEWS

COMMUNITY FUND RAISING EVENT - Co-sponsored by Branch 008, Sydney Mines Legion and Board of Directors for Atlantic Memorial Park.

This event will take place Saturday, April 22nd from 3:00 pm - 1:00 am at the Brfanch 008 Legion, Main Street, Sydney Mines.

VARIETY CONCERT DANCE
- from 3:00 - 6:30 The CIRCLE,
from 6:30 - 9:30 The CREW,
9:30 - 1:00 - DANCE.

Tickets available at Sydney Mines Legion.

SPRING DANCE FUNDRAISER

The finance and property committee of St. Joseph Parish Bras d'Or, are holding a Spring Dance Saturday, May 20 at Bras d'Or Hall on Villa Drive with Full Circle. 9:00 PM until 1:00 AM. For ages 19 and older. Cost-\$10.00 per ticket. For advance tickets call Helen at Bras d'Or Hall at 905-736-9633.

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Fish & Chips Fundraiser

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It is on Friday April 14th 2017 - .Good Friday! - A Good day to have fish.

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NORTHSIDE COMMUNITY NEWS

Volunteers Shine as CBRM Presents Annual Volunteer Awards

The gallery and council were in awe as Councillor Ray Paruch read the biography of Melanie Magliaro. Melanie, a graduating student of Sydney Academy, was presented with the 2017 Youth Volunteer Award in recognition of an Outstanding Youth Volunteer. Melanie has been a community volunteer since the age of 12, contributing to organizations such as Schools Plus, Childrens Wish Foundation, and SPCA, while overcoming personal challenges to be a mentor and role model to youth in the CBRM. Melanie was one of three award recipients named during the Tuesday, April 11, CBRM Council meeting at City Hall in Sydney.

The Tuesday Night Squirts Hockey Program, represented by Glen Joseph, was the recipient of the 2017 Gary McDonald Memorial Award in recognition of an Outstanding Community Group or Project. Tuesday Night Squirts has been a staple program in the community for over 40 years, playing the role of introducing thousands of community youth to the sport of hockey. The 100% volunteer run program teaches the fundamentals of team building, camaraderie, and fun and has played a major role in producing life long active residents as well as athletes who have competed in major junior and professional ranks.

Mike Kelloway was the recipient of the 2017 Anne Holland Memorial Award in recognition of an Outstanding Community Volunteer. Since the 1990s, Mike has made it his work to better the community through volunteering. Whether it was for youth at the Glace Bay Youth Centre and Whitney Pier Youth Centre or for his most recent work with #BayItForward, Mike has shown a dedication to engaging community organizations and working tirelessly to keep their doors open. Whether it was writing grants or inflating basketballs, Mike's work in the community continues to be a strong presence in the CBRM.

The CBRM Special Volunteer Awards are awarded each April to individuals and groups that display outstanding volunteer contributions to the CBRM community. Award nominations are accepted year round and the nomination form can be found at www.cbrm.ns.ca/volunteer.html or by calling CBRM Recreation at 902 563-5510.

COMMUNITY NEWS EVENTS



BRANCH 008 LEGION SYDNEY MINES

Our next Fundraiser is Good Friday and the tickets are now at the Branch. Pan fried or deep fried haddock, deadline for tickets April 8th - \$12.00 with dessert. Deadline for tickets is April 4th - Meal is by **TICKET ONLY.**

We also have a Mother's Day Basket Draw valued at \$500.00 - tickets are \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00. This Fundraiser goes to our Children's Wish Run with our Troops.

Coming up April 22nd will be a Fundraiser for the group who is trying to open a park at Swirl Point.

This group is working hard on Atlantic Park at Memorial. Music will be by Great Entertainment and directed by Bob MacDonald. Come check this out!!

If your community group or business would like to have K-LEE RADIO broadcast from your event/business, contact us - 564-9022 or at - thisweek@kleeradio.com

NORTHSIDE COMMUNITY NEWS

BRANCH 008 Chase The Ace

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APRIL 14th - Ham & Turkey Dart Shoot \$10.00 per person, call the Branch for details.

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FRIDAY, 7:00 - 9:00
DJ JACK COOL
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BY PAUL POWER

Pitbull - "Climate Change"

There's no denying the fact that Armando Christian Pérez is a master of self-promotion, not a bit shy about his persona, and onstage he's high on bravado and low on modesty-but Pitbull is also a master at reading

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This is Pitbull's tenth album and it opens with a very familiar refrain as Calgary's own Kiesza sings the chorus of Pat Benatar's "Love Is A Battlefield" on the song "We Are Strong". This is a great example of how Pitbull knows that the best thing you can do is stretch your songs to include great vocalists-and let them do what they do best. This is a fantastic song. That formula works so well as Flo Rida and LunchMoney Lewis take the track "Greenlight" over the top and propel it into the pop-hit stratosphere.

To crank things up even more Pitbull bangs out "Sexy Body" with Jennifer Lopez-this track is pure old-school dance, complete with a 90's vibe that still sounds fresh and Contemporary. I can see this one being a big hit.

If that wasn't enough he gets Travis Baker (Blink 182) to pound out the beats as Robin Thicke provides chorus vocals

and Joe Perry of Aerosmith bends the strings on the retro-sounding chant along number "Bad Man". Enrique Iglesias joins Pitbull with a vocal sample from REO Speedwagon's "Take It On The Run" for the track "Messin' Around". It's great to hear unexpected samples in modern pop/dance songs done this well. Again, another great track.

Bob Marley's son Stephen joins Pitbull on the mellow "Options"

(it's an o.k. song) but if I had to pick one track as the best here I would have to say it's "Better On Me", as rapper Ty Dollah \$ign sings in a

wonderfully rough voice on what is a great EDM song with a lot of heart and soul-something that is not common in a lot of EDM numbers. Other songs have guest appearances by Leona Lewis and Jason DeRulo but it's R. Kelly and Austin Malone's vocal skills that help make "Dedicated" stand out as such a great track.

Pitbull pushes the boat out even more as American DJ/producer Eric Alberto-Lopez (known professionally as Ape Drums) and vocalist Stephen A. Clark close off the album with "Can't Have", a song that is creative and unique. Ape Drums is known for fusing electronic dance music with Caribbean sounds, described as "Modern Dancehall Music" but this song pretty much defies categorization-it is great.

There might be a day where Pitbull's music is no longer relevant, or enjoyable but judging by this album, that day is a long way off.

